

NAY OFFICER LOSES LIFE IN POWER PLANT

Lieut. Richards, Commander of
Destroyer Fanning, Killed at
Sag Harbor.

ELECTROCUTED BY LIVE WIRE

Was Prominent in Washington
Society—Married Daughter
of Admiral Bradford Here.

SAG HARBOR, N. Y., May 26.

Lieut. Clarence Alvin Richards, commander of the United States destroyer Fanning, was instantly killed at the substation of the Sag Harbor Light and Power Company. According to Harry D. Christian, night watchman, and the only eyewitness, Lieutenant Richards committed suicide by deliberately picking up two highly charged wires.

Coroner Lewis is conducting an investigation.

The Fanning has been maneuvering off Gardiners Bay, and Richards was supposed to have been aboard his ship this morning.

Christian said the lieutenant appeared at the door of the power house in civilian clothes, declaring that he was a Government inspector and intended to look over the plant.

When Christian advised him to obtain permission from the superintendent, the lieutenant, he says, flew into a rage, pushing the night watchman aside. He then grasped the two wires.

AIDE TO ADMIRAL BUSH.

The Navy Department received a wireless message from the destroyer Fanning, this afternoon, stating that Lieutenant Richards died at Sag Harbor by electrocution.

There was nothing in the report to show the manner of his death. The department was instructed to notify Mrs. Richards.

Lieut. Clarence Alvin Richards had been in command of the destroyer Fanning since July 2, 1915. Previously he had been on the staff of Rear Admiral Bush, commanding the second division of the Atlantic fleet.

In February, 1914, while attached to the receiving ship at Norfolk, Lieutenant Richards was tried by court-martial for conduct unbecoming an officer. The court-martial was ordered by Secretary Daniels. Lieutenant Richards, on trial was acquitted.

He served for several months in the 1913 as assistant inspector at the Naval Academy and was then frequently in Washington.

Lieutenant Richards was born in Wellington, Kan., March 22, 1882. He was appointed to the grade of lieutenant February 2, 1909.

RULE FOR LAST AD

Married Here in June, 1914. Lieutenant Richards was married in June, 1914, to Miss Rose Mary Bradford, daughter of the late Rear Admiral Royal B. Bradford, a popular young woman in Washington society. The ceremony was one of the most interesting events of the spring season.

During her girlhood in Washington, Mrs. Richards took a keen interest in serious things. She was one of the leaders in work for the Junior League of the Junior Republic, and served at various times as secretary, treasurer, and president of the organization. It was while she was president of the league that it gave the historic performance at the Willard, which was one of the most successful amateur performances ever given in Washington.

Mrs. Richards has traveled extensively with her father. At the time of their marriage, Lieutenant Richards was attached to the receiving ship Franklin at Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Richards has been in Washington for several weeks this spring as the guest of her mother, Mrs. Royal B. Bradford.

PRIMARY LAW TO BE URGED FOR DISTRICT

Non-partisan Meeting to Be Held Here Next Tuesday.

Steps toward securing a legalized primary law for the District will be taken at a nonpartisan meeting in old Masonic Temple next Tuesday night.

Both prominent Republicans and Democrats have signified their intention of speaking.

It is understood that committees will be organized at the meeting to urge Congress to pass a law here to prevent fraudulent primaries.

May Rename Bridge As Key Memorial

War Department Would Have
Aqueduct Structure Bear
Patriot's Name.

A movement to name the new Aqueduct the Key bridge in memory of Francis Scott Key was inaugurated by the War Department today. Secretary of War Baker approved a recommendation made by Col. C. A. F. Flagger, engineer officer in charge of the Washington rivers and harbors, that the bridge be renamed. Secretary Baker then suggested the change in a letter to the District Commissioners, who have joint control over the bridge.

Secretary Baker pointed out that it is peculiarly appropriate that the bridge should be named in honor of Key, since its District terminus at Thirty-fourth and M streets will be near the Key mansion.

There is no memorial in Washington to the author of "The Star-Spangled Banner," although a movement was on foot at one time to preserve the Key mansion. Secretary Baker is not certain, however, that a change in the name of the bridge can be made without a Congressional act. This matter may be the subject of conferences later between the Secretary and District Commissioners.

MAKE FINAL PLEAS IN RIGGS BANK CASE

Court to Sit This Evening to
Hear Arguments—Motions
for Acquittal Overruled.

The final chapter of the now famous Riggs trial of the Riggs bankers, Charles C. Glover, president; William J. Flather, vice president, and Henry H. Flather, former cashier, acknowledged by the court to be one of the greatest legal dramas ever staged in the local courts, is being enacted in Criminal division, No. 1, of the District Supreme Court this afternoon.

The case of the three bank officials, in whose behalf two former Presidents of the United States, a former senator and two other distinguished men have testified, will go to the jury early tomorrow, is the opinion of lawyers for both the prosecution and the defense.

District Attorney Laseky will open for the Government in the final arguments. George P. Hoover is expected to open for the defense. For each side, it is understood, will be allotted two hours and a half.

Indications are that the court will sit until 6 or 7 o'clock this evening to permit attorneys for both sides to conclude their arguments to the jury.

All members of counsel for both sides are expected to take part in the arguments.

Before the court convened for this afternoon's session, the courtroom was packed to capacity for the oratory expected from the distinguished counsel. Justice Siddons, early this afternoon, (Continued on Third Page.)

Youker Girl Wants Orpet Letters Back

But Four Jurors Permanently Accepted When Seventh Panel Is Drawn.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 26.—Celeste Youker, the girl William H. Orpet hoped to marry, will make a personal appeal to Judge Charles Donnelly for the return of her letters she wrote Orpet. It was said today, as Orpet's trial for the murder of Marian Lambert reached its eleventh day.

These letters will be used as proof of his love for another woman, if Judge Donnelly consents to their presentation. Donnelly has said he will bar the letters, if possible.

The seventh panel of 100 men for jury service reported. With only four jurors permanently accepted, both State and defense have used so many peremptory challenges that each has only ten left.

Palmist Accused By Police Matron

Edward S. Allen, Charged With
Assault, Released Under
\$2,000 Bond.

Edward S. Allen, arrested by Detective Vermillion and Messer, through the assistance of Mrs. Sarah V. Farling, matron at the House of Detention, charged with assault in Police Court today.

His hearing was continued until June and he was released in \$2,000 bond, furnished by George W. Ray.

Allen, who conducts a palmistry establishment at Tenth and F streets northwest, was accused by Mrs. Farling of assaulting her, May 22. He possessed a license issued by the District as a palmist.

The case against him was continued on the motion of Assistant District Attorney Ralph Green, who today he wanted time to investigate the case of Allen.

Two Americans Are Wounded and One Dead Engaging Candelario Cervantes.

CAVALRY PURSUES OUTLAWS
Soldiers Bring Back Bodies of
Mexican Dead for Identification—Pershing Elated.

FIELD HEADQUARTERS, NAMIQUIPA, Mexico, May 25 (via Radio to Columbus, N. M.). May 25.—Candelario Cervantes was killed by American troops south of Cruces today.

Cervantes was the leader of the bandits who have been terrorizing this section of Mexico for many months, and has been relentlessly pursued by the various detachments which form the punitive expedition.

He was killed after he attempted to rush a party of engineers who were repairing a road about six miles south of Las Cruces, about 9 o'clock this morning.

It is estimated that there were about twenty in the attacking party.

Three Americans were wounded, one of whom died shortly after the engagement.

Cavalry Pursues Bandits. News of the attack was sent at once to the United States garrison at Las Cruces and a cavalry company under command of Lieut. B. T. Marchant, of New York, attached to the Thirtieth Cavalry, was sent in pursuit of the bandits.

The bandits had their fire returned by the engineers and had fled in disorder into Alameda Canyon to get into the Baco Canyon.

Cushman, also started in pursuit. Cushman's command overtook the bandits and engaged them. Two of the Mexicans were killed and a number wounded. Cervantes was one of the dead. His body was identified by the mayor of Las Cruces.

Troops Bring In Bodies. By General Pershing's order the bodies were brought here for further identification. Both Mexicans were killed by George O. Hullitt, of the Seventeenth Infantry Machine Gun Company, who was himself wounded.

It is believed here that Cervantes did not intend to attack the road workers, but that he was closely pursued, he tried to cross the trail, and ran into them.

"The death of Cervantes will have a good effect in clearing up the bandit situation in this vicinity," said General Pershing.

One U. S. Soldier Is Killed by Mexicans

Official confirmation of the fight between American troops and Mexican bandits near Cruces, received at the War Department today, contained the information that Lance Corporal Davis Marksbury, machine gun detachment, Seventeenth Infantry, was the soldier killed.

COLUMBUS, N. M., May 26.—A growing hostility to Americans has been reported from along General Pershing's line of communication into Mexico. Truck drivers handling communication trains have so far been the only sufferers, but there is a growing fear among army men at the Columbus base that the situation will result in conflict between the troops.

The Carranza soldiers at the garrison of Nueva Casas Grandes, near the American base at Colonia Dublan, have been reported as strikingly hostile.

Several times recently the army motor trains have encountered barred wire obstacles in the roadway near that town. The train just arrived reported having run into the barrier in the darkness.

While removing the wire the Americans were jeered by a crowd of Mexicans, among whom were uniformed men. The jeers were followed by a shower of stones. Several Americans were struck. The driver of the leading truck was painfully hurt. Captain Haupt, in command of the train, prevented the Americans from using their guns, and the incident passed without bloodshed.

The American force is straightening its line into Mexico. The new trail runs directly southwest to Ascension, seventy miles distant.

Senate to Fix Time For Brandeis Vote

Confirmation of Jurist Next Week on Party Ballot Now Seems Assured.

As a result of conferences and negotiations between Republican and Democratic leaders, an agreement for voting on the Brandeis appointment for justice of the Supreme Court probably will be reached in the Senate late this afternoon.

PEACE LEAGUE WILL NOT INTERFERE IN THE EUROPEAN WAR

Speakers at the First Conference Declare That It Aims Only to the Future.

"We are not here to urge upon the present Administration steps to stop the present war."

"But we believe that a definite purpose, a purpose with limitations for an association like this, is much more likely to be realized than a general platform for the benefit of humanity."

"And, therefore, there is enough to be accomplished in our purpose to justify our insisting upon its limitations without being held to a lack of approval of other movements that we all do favor, but which to introduce into a movement like this would minimize and weaken our driving force for the particular object we have in mind here."

For Conciliation Court. Thus spoke former President William Howard Taft in his opening address at the first session of the conference which began at the Belmont Theater today under the auspices of the League to Enforce Peace for the purpose of formulating a plan that will bring about the establishment of an international court of conciliation that will go far toward prevention of war in the future.

The single purpose advanced by the league is that any step toward formation of such a court of international conciliation that would consider questions in dispute before nations referred to arms, and would enforce its decrees and judgments by the combined economic and military forces of the countries authorizing it, would be a step toward a permanent peace which would naturally be followed by other measures.

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BRYAN THOUGHT TO OPPOSE MARSHALL

Indications Seen of His Activity in Behalf of Folk for Vice President.

Though William Jennings Bryan is not a delegate to the Democratic convention at St. Louis, there are indications that Mr. Bryan is trying in various ways to influence the action of that convention. The latest, as to his activity, concerns the nomination of a candidate for Vice President on the Democratic ticket.

In this connection, it appears there is much activity against Vice President Marshall and while it will in all probability not prevent his renomination, it has caused him feeling.

Folk Is Ambitious. Former Gov. Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri, now counsel for the Interstate Commerce Commission, is ambitious for the Vice Presidency. Bryan is credited with endorsing the Folk boom, on the theory that the nomination of Folk would please the Bryan wing and help carry Missouri. This has come to the ears of the Marshall adherents. They do not relish it, and if Mr. Bryan backs Folk at St. Louis there will be a fine, old-fashioned row.

However, there are other phases of the Vice Presidential nomination on the Democratic ticket. It is understood from men high in Administration quarters that Senator Owen has received flattering assurances that he would be an excellent nominee.

Boom On For Baker. In some parts of the country there is a boom on for Secretary of War Baker for Vice President. This talk has become so strong as to embarrass Mr. Baker. The other day he called on the Vice President and it is rumored he sought to show Mr. Marshall that he was not seeking the office and wanted him renominated.

It has been well known for some time that the Administration was not particularly well disposed toward Marshall. But it fears to make an open effort to prevent his renomination. The result will doubtless be that the renomination will be given him.

SUES HIS WIFE FOR \$10,000 IN REALTY

Charles H. Ridenour Takes Action for Reconveyance.

Suit for the reconveying of real estate valued at \$10,000 was filed in the District Supreme Court today by Charles H. Ridenour against his wife, Jennie H. Ridenour.

The petition informs the court that upon the plaintiff's going abroad in 1914 he transferred real estate to his wife upon the promise that she would reconvey it to him upon his return.

He alleges the property remains now in his wife's name, and asks the court for an order directing her to return it.

The petition was filed by Attorneys Barnard & Johnson and Wharton E. Lester.

Italian Ship Sunk.

LONDON, May 26.—The Italian steamer Erocle, of 122 tons, has been sunk in the Mediterranean, presumably by an Austrian submarine.

FRENCH DRIVE BACK GERMANS AND GAIN IN COUNTER STROKE

Austrians Press Wedge Into Italian Lines, While Their Allies Meet Reverse.

VERDUN ATTACKS REPULSED
Violent Cannonading Goes on Against Hill 304, Preparatory to General Attack.

Violent attacks on the west bank of the Meuse have been repulsed by the French, according to today's official communiqué from Paris, and the crown prince's army have been pushed back on the east bank.

The Germans are maintaining their bombardment west of the Meuse with unabated ferocity.

It is believed the Germans are about to launch a general attack on Hill 304 and Avocourt. The cannonading against these positions has been ceaseless for thirty-six hours.

Austrian troops continue their steady sweep against the Italians. Strongly fortified Italian positions at Chiasso, twenty-one miles northwest of Vicenza, have fallen after a three-day battle.

This victory, Vienna dispatches say, drives a wedge into the Italian left flank, and will force a general retirement toward Ala.

French Troops Repulse Attacks on the Meuse. PARIS, May 26.—French troops repulsed violent German attacks on the west bank of the Meuse, northwest of Verdun, in last night's fighting, and morning action on the east bank, the war office announced today.

By a smashing counter attack the French recaptured the trench lost yesterday near Thiaumont farm, east of the Meuse.

Near the farm the French advanced by a grenade attack.

West of the river the Germans continued to make the whole French front, especially around Dead Man's Hill and near Avocourt, with most violent fire. The Germans attempted an infantry attack which was cut short by curfew fire from the French guns.

For thirty-six hours there has been no cessation in the cannonading around Hill 304 and Avocourt. The German artillery attack here is believed to be the prelude to an attempt to storm Hill 304 and capture the Avocourt positions, bringing the Germans closer to the St. Menhould railway, leading eastward to Verdun.

Further gains by the Germans on both banks of the Meuse has aroused the French capital to the seriousness of the situation at Verdun.

No anxiety is felt here. Even should (Continued on Page Seven.)

Allies Will Launch Hard Drive in East

Rome Hears of Plans to Crush Turks and Bulgars—Forces Concentrated at Saloniki.

By JOHN H. HEARLEY.

ROME, May 26.—A terrific smash within a few weeks, aimed at eliminating the Turks and Bulgars from the war, will be the allies' first great stroke for peace.

This is the report in general circulation here today. Heavy allied blows from Saloniki and in Mesopotamia will be followed by a tremendous offensive against the Austro-Germans in an attempt to win the war before winter.

French, English, Serbian and Italian forces are reported concentrated at Saloniki, awaiting the word to strike against the Bulgars and Germans in southern Serbia. (This is the first report that Italian troops are at Saloniki. Meanwhile the Russians are pressing on toward Bagdad, rolling back the Turks.)

The public continues to watch with confidence the official statements regarding the situation on the Trentino front. It is now reported that the first Italian reverses were due to a shortage of heavy cannon. The French are said to have come to the rescue with artillery.

WILL PUT FLOWERS ON WATER FOR DEAD

Ladies' Auxiliary to Observe Annual Memorial for Sailors.

Flowers will be strewn on the waters of the Potomac again this year, as a memorial to those who lost their lives at sea in defense of their country.

WAITE ON GRILL

ADMITS PLAN TO
KILL WIFE TOO

ARCH-POISONER CALM
AS HE TELLS OF
THIRD PLOT

Denies He Attempted to Murder
Mrs. Waite, But Says He
"Considered It."

PLACID AFTER CONFESSION

Goes Through Grilling Cross-Examination Without Losing Any of His Coolness.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Calm admission that he had planned to kill his wife as well as her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, and Miss Catherine Peck, her aunt, was made on the witness stand today by Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, when he resumed his amazing story of the arch poison plot through which he hoped to gain the Peck millions.

Waite denied that he had attempted to kill Mrs. Waite, but said he had considered it.

Asked the flat question, "Are you crazy?" on cross-examination, Waite replied:

"I think not."

READY TO PAY. "Didn't you say at Bellevue that you were ready to pay the penalty with your life?" asked Assistant District Attorney Brothers.

"Do you care now what becomes of you?"

"I want to do what is right."

"What did you take the sulphonal and trional for on the day of your arrest?"

"I wanted to kill myself."

"Waite finished his testimony and left the stand at 11:40. He was placid and calm."

The greatest crowd that has stormed the criminal courts building since the opening of the sensational trial was on hand today. Long lines of men and women were waiting before the doors opened. A squad of police held the crowd in check, but a scramble ensued immediately prospective spectators were permitted to file in. Women were barred.

Mrs. Horton and the "Man from Egypt" flared in Waite's testimony when the cross-examination was taken up.

"Do you remember telling Detective Condiff that you did not want your wife to die about Mrs. Horton?" said Brothers.

"No."

Admits Writing to "Dove." Waite admitted writing to Mrs. Horton from Bellevue.

"And you were faking insanity at Bellevue?" he was asked.

"I was not."

"Did you conspire with others in the Tombs to get up an insanity defense?"

"I did not."

"Do you mention the Man from Egypt in your testimony?"

"No, not at Bellevue, but I did elsewhere."

"You confessed that you have been a liar and a thief all of your life. What assurance have we that you are telling the truth now?"

An object-confessed murder was sustained.

When Brothers asked Waite if he expected to get a couple of million after the death of Peck, the dapper young physician, the law of God, "I do not expect that much." He said he planned to leave the city, but denied that he intended going away with Mrs. Horton.

Doesn't Deny Guilt. "You do not deny your guilt?" queried Brothers.

"I have never denied it."

"What is your defense?"

"I am making no defense."

Waite reiterated that he did not know whether he loved Clara Peck.

"And you placed arsenic in Mr. Peck's mouth with the intention that he should die?"

"I did."

"Here Justice Shearn took up the questioning of the prisoner."

"You knew it was wrong to steal?"

"I did."

"And then you knew it was wrong to murder?"

"Yes, I think I did."

"When you were in the Christian Endeavor Society, you learned it was against the law of God?"

"Yes, I think I did."

In another reference to Mrs. Horton under Brothers' questioning, Waite said, the "dove" told the entire truth on the stand.

Dr. Waite identified several letters and some poetry which he wrote while at Bellevue Hospital. The poetry was written at the request of alienists.

Judge Shearn, however, ruled it inadmissible as evidence.

The self-confessed murderer was then excused from the stand. He took his seat in the prisoner's dock without emotion, except a perceptible relief. He sat comfortably in his chair, and looked around him freely and openly, appearing more at ease

Members of the graduating class of midshipmen at Annapolis were assigned to various battleships in the navy today.

The midshipmen who are assigned to the Arizona will report on June 17 for temporary duty on the Maine, Alabama, Illinois, Kearsarge and Virginia, and will be detached and ordered to duty in connection with the Arizona on the completion of the summer cruise of these vessels.

Graduating Midshipmen Assigned to Their Ships

Senate Committee Postpones Final Action on Chamberlain Universal Measure.

The Chamberlain bill for universal military training was before the Senate Military Affairs Committee today.

This is the bill, founded on the Swiss system, which Senator Chamberlain reintroduced after the committee had previously endeavored to have considered and favorably acted on by the Senate.

The measure has attracted wide attention and many communications to Senator Chamberlain show that a surprising sentiment for universal training exists in this country.

The committee did not act on the bill owing to the fact that some of the members wanted more time to study it, it went over until next Wednesday.

Ladies' Auxiliary to Observe Annual Memorial for Sailors.

Flowers will be strewn on the waters of the Potomac again this year, as a memorial to those who lost their lives at sea in defense of their country.

The Ladies' Auxiliary, Admiral George Dewey Camp, No. 3, assisted by the Dewey Camp, No. 7, will hold a memorial service on the wharf at Washington, D. C., at 1 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

After this service flowers will be strewn upon the waters of the river.

All Spanish War Veterans, their families and friends, are invited to attend. The United States Marine Band will play "Lead, Kindly Light"; there will be prayer, then ladies will embark on a launch, and as the flowers are cast on the waters, a bugler will sound "Taps."

Spanish Ship Aurrera Sunk, London Report

LONDON, May 26.—The Spanish steamer Aurrera has been sunk.

The Aurrera displaced 2,545 tons, and was 300 feet long. She was registered at Bilbao.